

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: CONTAINER AND TOOL FOR FIXING A CONNECTION  
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**TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
OF PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application mailed May 8, 2007, in the above-identified patent application, transmitted herewith are the missing parts to complete the filing of the subject patent application.

Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Declaration and Power of Attorney (5 pages)
- [ X ] Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)
- [ X ] Return Copy of Notice to File Missing Requirements
- [ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

☒ Extension for response filed within the first month

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Claims as Filed	Included in Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Filing Fee, Search Fee & Examination Fee			\$1,000.00	0.00
Size Fee	30 - 100 = 0	x	\$250.00 =	\$0.00
Total	20 - 20 = 0	x	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Claims:				
Independents:	1 - 3 = 0	x	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:			+	\$360.00 =
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TOTAL FILING FEE:				= \$250.00
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A credit card payment form in the amount of \$250.00 is enclosed in payment of surcharge fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f)).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/07/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/07/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/07/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/07/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/07/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/07/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 09/07/2006
- Non-English Language Application filed on 09/07/2006
- Specification filed on 09/07/2006
- Claims filed on 09/07/2006
- Abstracts filed on 09/07/2006
- Drawings filed on 09/07/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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